

AHS SFY24 Gov Rec

DeptId	Major Operating	Description	GF	GC	Total All Funds	Narrative
Admin	Personal Services	Salary & Fringe	967,240	-	1,732,148	Costs associated with the annualization of pay act and benefit rate adjustments for state employee salaries.
Admin	Personal Services	Retirement Rate Increase	381,377	-	722,364	The costs associated with the increased retirement rate for state employees per budget instructions.
Admin	Personal Services	SF Revenue Correction		-	(1,786)	Technical adjustment to align with the special fund cash balance (21235)
Admin	Personal Services	Class Action RFRs	47,790	-	61,606	Expenses associated with 2 class action RFRs in Admin (ADPC Supervisors in ESD and Grants and Contracts Managers in the Business Office)
Admin	Personal Services	TCM Technical Adjustment (DCF Net Neutral)	(250,443)	250,443	-	We are aligning our Target Case Management GC revenue with where it was earned. In SFY22, more TCM was earned in the Admin Dept ID than the budget allowed, so we are swapping GF for GC with the FSD Dept ID. This is a net neutral move across DCF.
Admin	Personal Services	Business Office Operational Support Position	83,079	-	105,021	As part of the \$55M Child Care Initiative, we are requesting funding to support one operational position for the DCF Business. This will be needed to support the additional work load in grants and contracts, payments and monitoring and compliance.
Admin	Operating	Travel Savings	(128,117)	(603)	(199,674)	Savings taken from Travel budget based on our unspent balance from SFY22
Admin	Operating	ISF ADS	1,023	-	1,372	DCF's portion of the change to the ADS Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
Admin	Operating	ISF DHR	8,779	-	20,008	DCF's portion of the change to the Human Resources Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
Admin	Operating	ISF VISION	40,724	-	54,111	DCF's portion of the change to the VISION system Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
Admin	Operating	ISF Property/Commercial Insurance	1,336	-	1,759	DCF's portion of the change to the Insurance Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
Admin	Operating	Child Care Initiatives - Operating	4,976	-	6,580	Funding to support operational costs of an additional position (part of the Child Care Initiative)
Admin	Grants	Refugee Assistance	-	-	100,000	Our Refugee Assistance program has seen an increase in costs in the past year. This is IDT funded through AHS
FSD	Personal Services	Salary & Fringe	882,881		1,424,497	Costs associated with the annualization of pay act and benefit rate adjustments for state employee salaries.
FSD	Personal Services	Retirement Rate Increase	317,315		472,631	The costs associated with the increased retirement rate for state employees per budget instructions.

FSD	Personal Services	Contract for Crisis Staffing (BAA item)	688,288		688,288	Social workers are being asked to support crisis staffing over nights and on weekends as a result of high levels of need and contractor staffing shortages. This is untenable in terms of burnout for FSD staff and is using OT that FSD does not have the budget to support. This is also out of scope of our social worker class. This crisis staffing contract will allow FSD to ensure coverage for crisis situations as they arise while also respecting the health and well being of our DCF employees. This is the annualization of a DCF BAA budget item.
FSD	Personal Services	FY24 Impact of Position Class Action Reclassification Requests	134,782		177,532	Financial impact of class action RFR for resource coordinators (18 positions)
FSD	Personal Services	TCM Technical Adjustment (DCF Net Neutral)	250,443	(250,443)	-	More Targeted Case Management GC funding was earned in Admin this year, so we are making a technical adjustment to swap GF in Admin for GC in FSD. This is net neutral across the department.
FSD	Personal Services	Vacancy Savings	(134,893)	(64,413)	(286,154)	Increasing our vacancy savings to 3.5%
FSD	Personal Services	Transfer of funding from DMH for Northeastern Family Institute (BAA item, AHS net-neutral)	73,666	-	73,666	We transferred funding to DMH for NFI in the past. We now pay room and board directly, so they are returning the funds that we had transferred to them.
FSD	Personal Services	Internal Services Workers Compensation	(5,787)	-	(6,910)	DCF's portion of the change to the Workers Compensation internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
FSD	Personal Services	Elimination 15 Centralized Intake and Emergency Services (CIES) Temps	(119,583)	-	(501,691)	FSD uses temp employees to cover our Centralized Intake and Emergency Services (CIES) workload. FSD is proposing eliminating 15 of these temporary positions to repurpose the funding to cover 5 permanent positions. This is actually a slight cost savings, and will allow more continuity in out services.
FSD	Personal Services	Conversion of CIES Temps to 5 Permanent Positions	116,925	-	490,540	FSD uses temp employees to cover our Centralized Intake and Emergency Services (CIES) workload. FSD is proposing eliminating 15 of these temporary positions to repurpose the funding to cover 5 permanent positions. This is actually a slight cost savings, and will allow more continuity in out services.
FSD	Operating	Travel Savings	(167,788)	(3)	(231,795)	Savings taken from Travel budget based on our unspent balance from SFY22
FSD	Operating	ISF DHR	3,893		4,333	DCF's portion of the change to the Human Resources Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
FSD	Operating	ISF Fee for Space	(21,669)	-	(29,075)	DCF's portion of the change to the Fee for Space Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
FSD	Operating	ISF VISION	26,060	-	43,372	DCF's portion of the change to the VISION system Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
FSD	Operating	ISF General Liability	868	-	966	DCF's portion of the change to the Insurance Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
FSD	Grants	Subsidized Adoption Caseload	(125,449)	-	(256,473)	Caseload analysis resulting in increased cost for sub-adopt caseload. This follows trends we have seen over the past two years of actual costs. We are projecting: -Subsidized Adoptions: 2,605 cases/month @ \$656 per case -Permanent Guardianship: 51 cases/month @ \$748 per case -Non-Recurring: 19 cases/month @ \$2,000 per case

FSD	Grants	Substitute Care Caseload	(170,754)	412,511	187,528	Caseload analysis resulting in increased cost for substitute care caseload. This follows trends we have seen over the past two years of actual costs. We are projecting: -Youth Aging Out: 30 cases/month @ \$607 per case -Independent Living: 5 cases/month @ \$728 per case -Standard Foster Care: 719 cases/month @ \$707 per case -In State Group Care: 61 cases/month @ \$16,928 per case -Out of State Group Care: 57 cases/month @ \$13,053 per case -Specialized Foster Care: 115 cases/month @ \$3,717 per case -Emergency Care: 25 cases/month @ \$9,374 per case
FSD	Grants	Transfer of Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC) Intensive Family Based Services (IFBS) to DMH (BAA item, AHS net-neutral)	(29,723)		(29,723)	Intensive Family Based Services - Transfer of funding to DMH as DMH holds the contract for this work.
FSD	Grants	Case Rate Transfer to DMH for Washington County Mental Health (WCMH) Rate Increase (BAA item, AHS net-neutral)	-	(97,070)	(97,070)	Transfer of funding to DMH to cover DCF portion of WCMH rate increase
FSD	Grants	Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) Funding Adjustment (BAA item)	(1,271,998)	1,271,998	-	Funding for the Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) program is now Investment GC eligible as a result of the waiver negotiations. This is a technical adjustment to reflect this change.
FSD	Grants	BARJ Global Commitment Investment Expansion (BAA item)	-	297,053	297,053	As a result of being able to draw in federal funding for investment GC eligible expenses, DCF would like to use some of the GF savings to increase the agreements.
FSD	Grants	Lund Substance Abuse Medicaid Transition	(736,595)	736,595	-	Funding for the Lund Project Family program is now Investment GC eligible. This is a technical adjustment to reflect this change. This generates some GF savings by leveraging Medicaid revenue for a portion of the eligible expenses.
FSD	Grants	PNMI Inflation Factor	216,640	1,683,360	1,900,000	Currently, the PNMI rates are set based on the actual expenditures from the most recent audited program financials. This represents a delay of about 18-24 months between the expenditures and the rate adjustment. The inflation factor would be applied each year to programs to minimize the discrepancy between the 2 year old costs and the current rate.
FSD	Grants	PNMI System of Care Stabilization	2,850,046	(2,850,046)	-	Some Private Non-Medical Institutions (PNMIs) have communicated that they will not be willing to partner with Vermont within the PNMI rate setting process after 6/30. This GF funding will allow DCF to continue to contract for a portion of these beds outside of the PNMI process. In order to stabilize the current capacity of our system of care, we're proposing an interim solution to maintain VSG's operations. We know this is not a long term solution, so we will continue to work with them to bring them back into the Medicaid program by FY25 given the PNMI rate methodology change also proposed in Gov. Rec.
FSD	Grants	UVM Child Welfare Training Partnership Rate Increase	100,000	-	100,000	FSD contracts with UVM to provide support and training to their social workers. This contract has been level funded for 3 years (year prior was decrease), but there has been an increase in facilities & administration expense, and the new collective bargaining agreement for the staff has led to increased expenses for UVM as well. These funds are used to match Title IVE training funds at 75% FFP.

FSD	Grants	Spectrum Grant Transfer to OEO (DCF net Neutral)	(150,000)		(150,000)	Technical adjustment of program administering grant. Both FSD and OEO have agreements with the vendor so we are consolidating in one office. This will not have impact on services provided or the providers' contracts. It only impacts where the budget sits within DCF's appropriations.
FSD	Grants	FMAP IVE Savings	(418,870)		-	Savings from Increase to FMAP for IVE
FSD	Grants	FFPSA IVE Earnings Adjustment	(500,000)		-	DCF is working with PNMIs to help them become FFPSA compliant. This will allow us to earn IV-E revenue for placements after the first 14 days. Right now all costs of placements after the first 15 days are paid by general funds. This represents savings of GF as more PNMIs are certified and we are able to draw in the federal revenue for substitute group care.
CDD	Personal Services	Salary & Fringe	90,367		202,884	Costs associated with the annualization of pay act and benefit rate adjustments for state employee salaries.
CDD	Personal Services	Retirement Rate Increase	31,095		66,731	The costs associated with the increased retirement rate for state employees per budget instructions.
CDD	Personal Services	Vacancy Savings	(44,891)		(85,851)	Vacancy savings being increased to 3.5%
CDD	Personal Services	CIS Technical Correction	319,168	(710,880)	288	CIS Rate increase approved by legislature last year was put into the incorrect account codes. This corrects that (net \$0 transfer from Grants to Personal services)
CDD	Personal Services	Staffing for Child Care Initiatives (5 positions)	456,095	-	493,171	This budget proposes over \$56M in child care investments (outlined below), an increase that is equivalent to almost 1/2 of the current CDD budget. Consequently additional staff are required to support administration of these initiatives. This budget proposes adding an additional 5 positions to CDD to ensure that the division has the capacity to effectively manage this work.
CDD	Operating	ISF Technical Correction	-	-	-	Correct split between Medicaid and Investment GC from prior year.
CDD	Operating	Fund Technical Correction	-	-	(41)	Remove remaining \$41 of IDT. CDD no longer has any IDT earnings.
CDD	Operating	Operating Savings	(27,799)		(59,755)	Savings taken from operating budget based on our unspent balance from SFY22
CDD	Operating	Vermont Children's Tax Check Off SF Transfer to Children's Trust Fund	-		(10,011)	Per H.378, the children's tax check off special funds will now be transferred directly to the Children's Trust Fund instead of passing through DCF. This removes the spending authority for this special fund from the DCF operating budget.
CDD	Operating	ISF DHR	1,816		2,026	DCF's portion of the change to the Human Resources Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
CDD	Operating	ISF VISION	15,824		17,656	DCF's portion of the change to the VISION system Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
CDD	Operating	Child Care Initiatives - Operating	30,427		32,901	Operating (Equipment, space, supplies, travel, etc....) for new staff that are supporting the child care initiative
CDD	Grants	Vermont Children's Tax Check Off SF Transfer to Children's Trust Fund	-		(65,000)	Per H.378, the children's tax check off special funds will now be transferred directly to the Children's Trust Fund instead of passing through DCF. This removes the spending authority for this special fund from the DCF grants budget.
CDD	Grants	FMAP IVE Savings	(114,501)		-	Adjustment to account for higher FMAP rate in SFY24
CDD	Grants	Children's Integrated Services (CIS) Technical Correction	(319,168)	710,880	(288)	CIS Rate increase approved by legislature last year was put into the incorrect account codes. This corrects that (net \$0 transfer from Grants to Personal services)

CDD	Grants	CIS Utilization Increase	174,000	776,830	950,830	CIS contracts run on a calendar year (January-December). Historically, as we got to November/December, we would evaluate which regions had underspending due to low caseload utilization and which districts were overspending due to higher than projected caseloads. However, in 2022 we found that the amount of underspend in low caseload districts did not cover the increased needs in high caseload districts. We were able to use one-time carry forward surplus to fill the gap in needs in December 2022, but we anticipate that this will not be possible in future years. For this reason, we are requesting funding to increase the CIS contracts to account for caseload utilization.
CDD	Grants	Remove American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds from Baseline	-		(13,230,000)	CCDF ARPA funding was baselined in previous budgets, but the total available ARPA Stabilization funding will be exhausted in SFY23. We are removing it from the SFY24 budget to reflect this.
CDD	Grants	Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) Equity Payments	414,045		414,045	This funding will support establishing geographical equity in Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP). Currently the subsidy reimbursement rate is lowest for 1 Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS) programs and increases incrementally with each STAR the program earns. Currently, a household's contribution towards child care varies depending on availability of care in their region of Vermont. If a family lives or works in a well-resourced region, they tend to have a variety of child care programs to choose from. If a family lives or works in a less resourced region of the state, they may only have access to one child care program which could only be rated as a 1, 2, or 3 on the STARS scale. To ensure that the amount the state pays in subsidy is not dependent on the region a household lives in, the Governor proposes no longer be tying the subsidy payment to the STARS rating system. \$414,045 would allow the state to pay every program the maximum amount for all types of child care slots.
CDD	Grants	School Age Capacity	6,962,587		6,962,587	This funding will expand the number of school age children served. DCF currently has 1,965 of school-aged children enrolled in CCFAP, but DCF believes that upwards of 7,500 students would be eligible for afterschool and summer enrichment activities and meet CCFAP eligibility. CDD, in partnerships with Vermont Afterschool, is working with existing afterschool programs to accept CCFAP, as well as encouraging new programs to open with the expectation that CCFAP will be accepted as a form of payment. This funding is critical to support the subsidies for eligible children enrolled in these slots once they are available.
CDD	Grants	CCFAP 400% Expansion	46,048,791		46,048,791	Last year the Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) was increased to 350% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This year we propose increasing to 400% of the FPL at the 75th percentile to remain in compliance.

CDD	Grants	CCFAP 400% Community Child Care Support Agencies Eligibility & Referral contracts	2,000,000		2,000,000	CDD contracts with the Community Child Care Support Agencies (CCCSA Organizations) to conduct eligibility reviews and referrals. We will need to increase these contracts to account for the significant increase in the number of households that they will now need to screen for eligibility and referral as part of the CCFAP FPL and school age expansion.
OCS	Personal Services	Salary & Fringe	119,521		315,932	Costs associated with the annualization of pay act and benefit rate adjustments for state employee salaries.
OCS	Personal Services	Retirement Rate Increase	71,422		188,700	The costs associated with the increased retirement rate for state employees per budget instructions.
OCS	Operating	Travel Savings	(12,278)		(40,126)	Savings taken from Travel budget based on our unspent balance from SFY22
OCS	Operating	ISF DHR	70		234	DCF's portion of the change to the Human Resources Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
OCS	Operating	ISF VISION	2,837		9,457	DCF's portion of the change to the VISION system Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
RUP	Grants	Caseload Needs	8,395,739		8,395,739	We have traditionally used a consultant who projects caseload based on the economic trends. This aligns with her low-end projections from October 2022 of an average of 3,350 cases per month @ \$678.06 CPC. We are seeing a larger projected caseload than last year combined with an increased cost per case. The Reach Up benefit increased last summer due to an increase in the basic needs standard used in the benefit calculation. This increase was the most substantial increase the program has seen in nearly twenty years, and resulted in an increase of approximately \$111 dollars per month for a household of three.
RUP	Grants	Lund Transfer GC Adj	-		.	Lund Treatment is now regular Medicaid GC (rather than Investment GC) eligible as a result of the latest waiver negotiations. This is a technical adjustment but will allow us to earn Medicaid for all eligible treatment expenses at Lund. When it was funded with investment, there was a cap to the amount of Medicaid that could be earned.
RUP	Grants	Reach Up Bill Financial Impact (Act 133 - 6 months of implementation in SFY24)	127,890		142,285	Implementation costs of Act 133 that was passed in the prior year's legislative session. This accounts for an increase in the age of eligible children to "under 22", an increase in the Earned Income Disregard from \$250 to \$350, Increase in the amount of the child support disregard from \$50 to \$100 per month and an increase in the child support pass through from \$50 to \$100 per month. This is the cost to support 1/2 a year, as the changes go into effect on 1/1/24
RUP	Grants	Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) Transfer to OEO Homeless Assistance Grants (DCF net neutral)	(237,217)		(237,217)	We have multiple agreements with the same vendor so consolidating in one dept ID. No impact to services provided or vendors- just where the funding sits.

RUP	Grants	Lund GC Adjustment	(150,000)	150,000	-	DCF has had eligible Medicaid expenses in excess of the investment cap for Lund the last few years. Now that the treatment portion of the contract will be regular Medicaid and thus not capped, we are building the increased earnings into our budget.
OEO	Personal Services	Salary & Fringe	12,219		23,950	Costs associated with the annualization of pay act and benefit rate adjustments for state employee salaries.
OEO	Personal Services	Retirement Rate Increase	3,841		8,051	The costs associated with the increased retirement rate for state employees per budget instructions.
OEO	Personal Services	Class Action RFR	18,427		18,427	Class Action RFR financial impact for class action RFR of Community Services Program Officers.
OEO	Personal Services	Revenue Adjustment (DCF Net Neutral)	-		-	Federal Fund and Special Fund adjustment between OEO and Wx to align with where special funds were earned.
OEO	Operating	ISF DHR	750		853	DCF's portion of the change to the Human Resources Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
OEO	Operating	ISF VISION	12,126		13,796	DCF's portion of the change to the VISION system Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
OEO	Grants	Spectrum Grant Transfer from FSD (DCF Net Neutral)	150,000		150,000	Technical adjustment of program administering grant. Both FSD and OEO have agreements with the vendor so we are consolidating in one office. This will not have impact on services provided or the providers. It only impacts where the budget sits within DCF's appropriations.
OEO	Grants	Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) Transfer to OEO Homeless Assistance Grants (DCF net neutral)	237,217		237,217	We have multiple agreements with the same vendor so consolidating in one dept ID. No impact to services provided or vendors- just where the funding sits.
OEO	Grants	Emergency Housing - Expand Shelter Capacity services	3,750,000		3,750,000	This provides baseline funding to support emergency shelter needs associated with the emergency shelter expansion in the \$15M plan.
WX	Personal Services	Salary & Fringe	-		30,374	Costs associated with the annualization of pay act and benefit rate adjustments for state employee salaries.
WX	Personal Services	Retirement Rate Increase	-		8,573	The costs associated with the increased retirement rate for state employees per budget instructions.
Wx	Personal Services	Revenue Adjustment (DCF Net Neutral)	-		-	Federal Fund and Special Fund adjustment between OEO and Wx to align with where special funds were earned.
Wx	Operating	Major Object technical adjustment (BAA item, DCF net-neutral)			200,000	Hancock Energy Services. Realignment of budget by major operating codes to align with needs of budget (grants --> operating). These are the expenses associated with our software to administer the weatherization assistance program. This is not a grant, although it is necessary to administer the weatherization grants program. The budget was in the grants out section so we are aligning it with the correct use. This provides the hosting and help desk for the Weatherization Program. OEO is required to utilize a Department of Energy approved Weatherization Program Tracking Software (which this is).
Wx	Operating	ISF DHR	-		27	DCF's portion of the change to the Human Resources Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.

Wx	Operating	ISF VISION			4,353	DCF's portion of the change to the VISION system Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
Wx	Grants	Major Object technical adjustment (BAA item, DCF net-neutral)	-		(200,000)	Realignment of budget by major operating codes to align with needs of budget (grants --> operating) per description above.
SRTF	Operating	Operating Savings	(291,556)		(291,556)	DCF does not require significant operating costs at this time, as secure residential treatment facility needs are being met through contracted services.
SRTF	Operating	ISF VISION	3,154		3,154	DCF's portion of the change to the VISION system Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
DDS	Personal Services	Salary & Fringe	1,969		161,107	Costs associated with the annualization of pay act and benefit rate adjustments for state employee salaries.
DDS	Personal Services	Retirement Rate Increase	715		54,171	The costs associated with the increased retirement rate for state employees per budget instructions.
DDS	Operating	ISF ADS	161		11,624	DCF's portion of the change to the ADS Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
DDS	Operating	ISF DHR	5		384	DCF's portion of the change to the Human Resources Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
DDS	Operating	ISF VISION	61		4,676	DCF's portion of the change to the VISION system Internal Services fund budget for SFY24. Proportioned across DCF based on SFY23 spending totals.
Total			71,221,391	2,316,212	63,580,173	

